

## The Needs Of The Armies Of Industry

THE following which appeared in the house organ of one of the leading brokerage firms presents a phase of the present situation in a manner which will probably appeal to those locally interested in the mining industry. It is as follows:

The advance orders for steel exceed in amount at the present time more than was the total annual product of the country seven years ago. Steel has always been the criterion by which the probably demand for the other metals has been measured. It is the same now except in the case of copper, the demand for which is apparently insatiable.

There are pessimists who are asking, "What if the war should suddenly cease—where would the prices go?" They forget how much easier it is to tear down than to build up, and that were the war to stop tomorrow vast sections in nearly every state in Europe would have to be reconstructed, and reconstructed on modern lines, which would involve nearly all of the metals, but more especially copper, lead and iron.

But why make the war such a bugbear, or use its possible effects upon the country to demoralize business? If, for instance, a million farm boys go to war is that a good reason for whispering, "Go slow on farming, so many have gone away." Is it not clear that if there are a million less producers there are at the same time a million more consumers to be fed, and clothed and to supply with instruments of war; with the hundreds of things they never would have required had they remained to till the fields.

Again the ratio that may be called to the war is but a comparatively small percentage of the whole, and the wants of those at home will be increased rather than lessened because of those who have gone away. If a small percentage go to the colors the great body will be pursuing their business, and business supplies the normal occupation of the world, more houses and plows and reapers and mowers and threshing machines and thousands of other things necessary to keep the world moving.

In war the thousands and millions that engage in it are but a small percentage of the millions struggling at home. The armies in war do not compare in numbers with the millions that Peace pressed into her service. And with these latter millions the uses of the metals are multiplying every day.

As a local example, on Sunday last nearly 2,000 automobiles were parked around the state capitol building here while the music was charming the air. That meant 2,000 engines. They and all the vital portions of the machine were made of metals from the starting and steering gear to the brake. No war can stop the insatiable demand.

The mines in the west are a better investment this year than they were

last for three reasons; they have had a year's more development and those which are not yet dividend payers are a year nearer being made dividend payers; there is vastly more ready money in the country and consequently more buyers and there is an increased demand for all the copper, lead, zinc, tungsten, gold and silver that can be supplied.

Another factor that not everyone has thought about is that in every department of labor business has been greatly accelerated during the past three years; another fact that we should never lose sight of is that while the food products of the earth are essential to animal life, after all, most of them are consumed within the year they are produced, while could the vessels of brass and the cups of gold used in the great temple of Israel's king be found, or the silver that Abraham paid for a burial place be unearthed, it would be found that none of them had lost their lustre or deteriorated the least in weight or value.

Investors should buy as many peace bonds as they can. That will be serving their country. Then hypothecate the bonds for all they can get, and with that money purchase all the shares they can in any of the reputable mines or potential prospects on the market.

The chances are good that before the summer is over they will not only have the bonds redeemed, but have their original cost returned to them and a surplus with which to buy necessities next winter.

If there is a little present lull, this is the time to buy, for there should be a sharp reaction. Men should stop to consider that while war exacts its sacrifice, the great world's industries, with larger armies than any war can call to its ranks, move steadily on and must be supplied with the materials needed to move from one conquest to another.

### NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT

Good old Saint Peter, taking a stroll through the realm of Paradise, says Puck, observed a middle-aged woman, a very recent arrival whose expression betokened anything but happiness. Instantly he approached her to inquire the cause.

"My good woman," he began, "you don't look as though you were enjoying yourself. Your golden harp is untouched at your side. Your crown of glory is not an straight, yet seemingly you do not care. In fact, your whole appearance and demeanor suggest despair rather than rapture. Don't you know where you are, my good soul? This is heaven."

The woman looked up at Saint Peter with a lack lustre eye.

"Alas, I know it," she said in hollow tones, "but it is not heaven to me."

"What? Why, my dear madam, what—"

"I can't help it; it's true. When I was on earth, I got my chief enjoyment out of talking about my ailments, swapping symptoms with the woman next door. Oh, you cannot realize the happy hours I spent. And now—and now—"

"But, my dear soul," expostulated the saint, "there are no ailments in heaven."

The unhappy shade heaved a heart-rending sigh.

"That's just the trouble. I'm perfectly well," she said; I haven't a single topic for conversation."

### HIS NEEDS

"My brother bought a motor here last week," said an angry man to the salesman that stepped up to greet him, "and he said if anything broke you would supply him with new parts."

"Certainly," said the salesman. "What does he want?"

"He wants two deltoid muscles, a couple of kneecaps, one elbow, and about half a yard of cuticle," said the man, "and he wants them at once."—Christian Register.

Willie Willis—"What a 'pieces of artillery,' pa?"

Papa Willis—"I think they must be the kind that the girl next door plays on the piano."—New York Times.

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